

ABBHEY, SETH, PAPERS
1861-1866

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INTRODUCTION

The Seth Abbey Papers were purchased from the Philadelphia Rare Books and Manuscripts Company. The collection contains 13 items including a diary kept by Abbey during the Siege of Knoxville in 1863, as well as clippings, maps, orders, and a partial roster of soldiers from the State of Ohio, 1861-1866. There are no restrictions on the use of the materials.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Seth Abbey was a sergeant in the 2nd Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. The major feature of this collection is his diary kept from October to December of 1863. The diary contains descriptions of events during the Siege of Knoxville. Other entries contain information about the journey from Ohio to Tennessee and the return trip.

The collection also contains clippings, maps of areas in Tennessee and Virginia, orders, and a photocopy of a partial roster of soldiers in the 2nd Ohio Volunteer Cavalry.

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1. Diary, Siege of Knoxville, 21 October-18 December 1863.
2. Clippings, "Grant's Report of the Relief of Chattanooga and Knoxville. Assault on Knoxville, Wheeler and Longstreet's Campaign in East Tennessee."
3. Clipping, "The Plot to Release the Johnson's Island Prisoners."
4. Clipping, Chattanooga to Savannah Train Schedule.
5. Photocopy, Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio.
6. Orders, Provost Marshall General of East Tennessee, passage to Kentucky for Case, 12 Dec. 1863.
7. Orders, unhindered passage in Knoxville.
8. Maps:
 1. Map of Tennessee showing routes taken by Abbey to and from Knoxville and route taken by General Sherman through Tennessee into Georgia.
 2. Map of Knoxville and surrounding area showing fortifications and other landmarks.
 3. Map of Virginia showing area around Richmond and Petersburg.